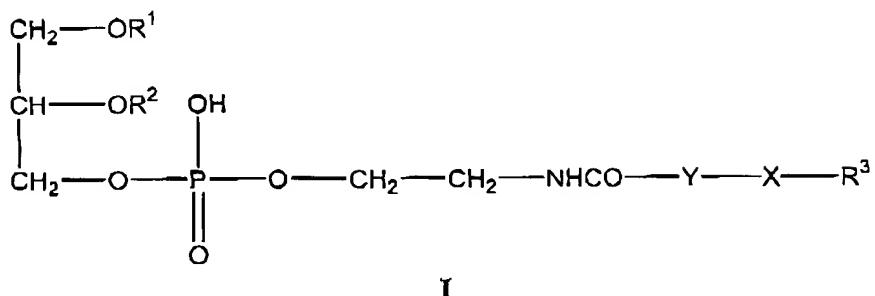


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a A conjugate of the formula



wherein R¹ and R² are selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbyl moieties of straight chain and branched-chain, saturated and unsaturated aliphatic carboxylic acids and phospholipid moieties, R³ is a basic, membrane-disturbing peptide with a reversed amide backbone, Y is C₂₋₁₀ alkylene, and X is selected from the group consisting of -C(O)-NH-, -S-S-, and salts thereof; and

a protein hydrolysate.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition conjugate of claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² are acyl moieties of a C₁₂₋₂₀ carboxylic acid.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition conjugate of claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² are selected from the group consisting of lauroyl, palmitoyl, stearoyl and oleoyl.
4. (Currently Amended) The composition conjugate of claim 1 wherein X is -S-S-.
5. (Currently Amended) The composition conjugate of claim 1 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of ethylene, propylene and decamethylene.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition conjugate of claim 1 wherein R³ is Gln-Gln-Arg-Lys-Arg-Lys-Ile-Trp-Ser-Ile-Leu-Ala-Pro-Leu-Gly-Thr-Thr-Leu-Val-Lys-Leu-Val-Ala-Gly-Ile-NH-CH[CONH₂]- (CH₂)- comprising at least 50% D-amino acids.
7. (Currently Amended) The composition conjugate of claim 1 wherein R³ is D-Gln-D-Gln-D-Arg-D-Lys-D-Arg-D-Lys-D-Ile-D-Trp-D-Ser-D-Ile-D-Leu-D-Ala-D-Pro-D-Leu-D-Gly-D-Thr-D-Thr-D-Leu-D-Val-D-Lys-D-Leu-D-Val-D-Ala-D-Gly-D-Ile-NH-CH[CONH₂]-CH-(CH₂)-.
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